

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND CLAIM LISTING

The listing of the claims immediately below, in which certain amendments are highlighted, replaces all prior versions of the claims provided in this application. Amendments to the claims previously entered in this application have not been highlighted herein.

Claims 1-50 (Previously cancelled)

51. (Currently amended) In a server system, a method of providing Internet content of a type which is encoded and formatted for display by a web browser program to a user of a computing device, comprising:

receiving a request from a computing device;

in response to the request, retrieving information comprising:

instructions usable by the computing device to present a frame, with associated controls, specifically designed to display certain therein said Internet content independent of a web browser program;

instructions usable by the computing device to present said certain Internet content independent of a web browser program; and

an address from which said certain web Internet content can be retrieved;

and

transmitting the information to the computing device.

52. (Currently amended) The method of claim 51, wherein at least a portion of the information further comprises instructions for invoking a first process, resident on said computing device when invoked, the results of which ~~being capable of~~ causing a display of said Internet content which is encoded and formatted for display by a web browser program within the frame such that said display is independent of a web browser program.

53. (Currently amended) The method of claim 51, wherein at least a portion of the information defines a functionality and an appearance of the frame within which said certain web content ~~may be presented~~ is caused to be displayed.

54. (Currently amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the frame is one of a family of such frames, the family having certain common features and certain unique features, and the information regarding the frame is further comprises limited to those features unique to the frame.

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the information further comprises instructions for creating an instance of the common features within and associated with the frame.

56. (Currently amended) The method of claim 54, wherein each member of the family of such frames has associated therewith certain functionality, and wherein the information further comprises instructions usable by the computing device to invoke a second process ~~capable of~~ for coordinating the functionality of the frames.

57. (New) In a server system, a method for providing software components for obtaining by and displaying Internet content on a computing device, said Internet content of a type which is encoded and formatted for display by a web browser program, comprising:

receiving a request from a computing device;

in response to the request, retrieving information comprising:

a first computer software component, comprising:

instructions usable by the computing device to display a frame, with associated controls, thereon; and

instructions usable by the computing device to display Internet content in said frame independent of a web browser program;

a second computer software component, separate from said first computer software component, comprising:

data and instructions defining said frame and associated controls for use by said first computer software component for generating a display of said frame and associated controls independent of a web browser program;

an Internet address at which Internet content for display in said frame is stored; and

instructions for retrieving said Internet content for use by said first computer software component for generating a display of said Internet content within said frame independent of a web browser program; and

in response to the request, transmitting the information to the computing device.

58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein at least a portion of the second computer software component defines a functionality and an appearance of the frame within which said certain web content is caused to be displayed, said functionality and said appearance being unique to said second computer software component.

59. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein said frame defined by said second computer software component is one of a family of such frames, each element of the family having certain common features and certain unique features within and associated with a frame, and further wherein the data and instructions defining said frame and associated controls provided by said second software component are limited to those features unique to the frame.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the instructions provided by said first computer software component further comprises instructions for creating an instance of the common features within and associated with the frame.

61. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein each member of the family of such frames has associated therewith certain functionality, and wherein the instructions provided by said first computer software component further comprises instructions usable by the computing device to invoke a process for coordinating the functionality of various frames displayed by the computing device.

62. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein said second computer software component is stored on a server forming part of said server system having a first Internet address, and said Internet address at which said Internet content for display in said frame is stored is a second Internet address different than said first Internet address.

63. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein said first computer software component is also stored on said server forming part of said server system having said first Internet address.